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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The above-identified Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time within which to file a response to the Official Action dated July 9, 2001, to expire October 9, 2001. A check in the amount of \$55 is enclosed to cover the one-month extension of time fee. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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